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In re application of: Yoo-Sang Hwang and Su-Jin AHN

Serial No. 09/955,388

Examiner: Mai, Anh D

Filed: September 17, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2814

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING CONTACT PLUG AND METHOD  
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted:

filed ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously  
on February 14, 2003.

filed ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously  
on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Other:

b. ☒ Enclosed is:

☒ Amendment/Reply

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☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

☐ Other

2. **Miscellaneous**

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).

☐ Other:

3. **Fees:** (Note: The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed)

☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

☒ \$750 large entity

☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)

☐ Extension of Time - 1<sup>st</sup> small entity ☐ \$55 large entity ☒ \$110

☒ PTO Form 2038 authorizing credit card payment of \$860.00 filing fee (\$750.00) and extension fee (\$110.00) is attached.

☒ Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 13-1703. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

Responsive to the Final Office Action, dated December 16, 2002, please reconsider  
the application for the following reasons.

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